

HOUSE RESOLUTION 7020
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Ellen Gray on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and compassion throughout their years of service in the health care profession; and

WHEREAS, Ellen Gray is one such estimable health care professional who has served with distinction for almost thirty-nine years in the field of nursing, and she will be taking a much deserved retirement on January 27, 2006 from her position as Director of the Rutherford County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished career with the Rutherford County Health Department, Ms. Gray has witnessed numerable changes in the health care field, from the eradication of certain diseases to the origination of new diseases and epidemics, but the driving force behind her calling has always been to prevent illness and promote good health; and

WHEREAS, Ellen Gray's peerless career in nursing began in the late 1960's when she accepted a position as a state nurse in Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gray is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Ellen Gray is most appreciative of the love and support she receives from her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gray exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Ellen Gray has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Ms. Ellen Gray for her committed service to the citizens of Rutherford County and extend to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.